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## **ON THE COVER**

This issue is dedicated to Dr. Kent Wyatt who, after 24 years of service as Delta State University President, has announced his retirement effective June 30, 1999.



**Four In A Row!**

The Delta State University Cheerleading Squad won its fourth consecutive Division II National Championship at Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, FL, on January 7-9.

# Staff Notes

## Vargas Completes Internship

Delta State University has an active internship program in many fields of business as well as in the arts and sciences. The Career Services and Placement office is partnering with faculty and employers to expand that program even more in the future.

Robert Vargas (pictured), a 1998 management and computer information systems graduate recently completed an internship with FedEx in Memphis in the internal audit department. Robert feels that Delta State prepared him for his job by not only giving him information, but also by teaching him how to think and problem solve. He also found that the experience gained through his internship helped to prepare him for the real world of business.

For more information on hiring Delta State graduates, contact Vicki Fioranelli, Director of Career Services and Placement, at (601) 846-4646 or e-mail [vfioran@dsu.deltast.edu](mailto:vfioran@dsu.deltast.edu). Check the web page at [www.deltast.edu/placement](http://www.deltast.edu/placement).



*Robert Vargas*

## Look Who Stopped By!



*(Left to right) Paul Mancini, Felisha Robinson, Senator Thad Cochran, and Sarah Deason*

Delta State students Paul Mancini, Jr. (Indianola), Felicia Robinson (Shelby), and Sarah Deason (Cleveland) shared a photo opportunity with Senator Thad Cochran during a recent visit to the Cleveland area and the Delta State University Alumni-Foundation House.

## Warren Completes Training



Tonya Warren, a 1998 graduate and former student worker in the Alumni-Foundation Office, has completed training for her private pilot's license.

Credit for photo to Ann McGrath, Photographer, [The Tunica Times](http://www.thetunica.com)

## Can You Identify Them?



This husband and wife team were a popular Delta State couple. He was the first Sports Hall of Fame inductee and she is a former "Outstanding Alumna."

## Everyone Enjoys "Pig Pickin"



*Felicia Applegate, Assistant Director of Alumni & Foundation, and Senator Bob Dearing visit at "Pig Pickin."*

# Editor's Notes

As always, we are happy to receive your many notes and messages. Thanks for keeping us informed.

- Four (4) DSU graduates were honored as 1998 Alumni of the Year by their respective community colleges. **Viola Sanders** ('41) by Mississippi Delta; **Dr. Ron Chance** ('68) by Northwest; **Jim Golden** ('82) by Holmes; and **Nick Clark** ('68) by East Mississippi.
- Thanks to **Chris Wilson** ('95) for noting our mistake in incorrectly listing his job location in the fall issue. Chris is City Administrator for Southaven, MS.
- Are pleased that **Ella Lucas**, former "First Lady" at DSU and USM, was a 1998 inductee of the USM Alumni Hall of Fame. Class Lady!
- **Col. Thomas Moore** ('82), USMC, was the commanding officer in charge of evacuating 105 American citizens and 61 international personnel from the African country of Eritrea. Accounts of this successful operation were detailed on the floor of the U.S. Senate and recorded in the Congressional Record on July 20, 1998.
- **Dr. Bill Jenkins** ('70) of Morton, sent us a copy of his book, *Two Hundred Years of Heritage and Hope*. He writes, "Over the years, I have realized the value of a good education, and feel I got the best available. I am a proud product of DSU!"
- **Sam Adams** ('36) is a co-author of a collection of short stories titled *Persons, Places & Things*, which is a reflection of Sam's lifelong interest in people-watching.
- Appreciated receiving a copy of 1848-1998, *The History of the First Baptist Church, Kosciusko, MS*, donated to the DSU Library by **Cadmon and Anne Hughes Porter** ('55).
- Have noticed that **Elizabeth Shown Mills** ('65) latest book, *Evidence! Citation and Analysts for the Family Historian*, released in 1997, is already in its 4th hardback printing.
- **Charlene Baugh Jones** ('76), editor of *The Computer Times* in Bardstown, KY, scans each issue of *Currents* for familiar names and faces. She writes, "I have noticed over the years that the quality of *Delta Currents* has increased appreciably."
- **Dr. Patricia Anderson** ('75), East Carolina University professor, writes, "I have many fond memories of Tom Merritt, Eloise Walker and others helping me grow and learn. I carry their 'badge of honor' into my own classes and strive to be the kind of professional they were during my time at Delta State."
- **Joanna Harvey Bearden** ('65) and **Gaines Bearden** ('64) of Denver, CO invite their friends to contact them at jbearden@aol.com.

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## Awards Nominations Sought

Nominations for the *S. E. Kossman Outstanding Teacher Award* and the *H. L. Nowell Outstanding Support Staff Award* are currently being accepted by Delta State University.

You are encouraged to send letters of nomination to Dr. Frank McArthur or Dr. Leroy Morganti, Kethley Hall, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS 38733.

## Alumni Dependent Scholarships Available

Applications for the *Hugh Ellis Walker Scholarships*, given annually to selected children of active dues-paying members of the Delta State University Alumni Association, are available at the alumni office. Contact Felicia Applegate for more information, 1-800-468-6378, ext. 6.

### Orientation Dates

|            |                          |
|------------|--------------------------|
| June 15    | Transfer Orientation     |
| June 21-22 | Freshman Orientation I   |
| June 28-29 | Freshman Orientation II  |
| July 9     | Parent Orientation       |
| July 12-13 | Freshman Orientation III |

# Campus News

## Greenville Higher Education Center Comes To Life

Local and state officials were on hand Friday, December 4, 1998 to participate in groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Greenville Higher Education Center. Plans call for the \$12 million, 75,000 square foot facility to be constructed south of the city.

The realization of this center is a combined effort of local officials, the area's legislative delegation, and the three academic institutions (Delta State, Mississippi Valley and Mississippi Delta Community College) responsible for implementing curriculum. Curtis Buchanan, chairman of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce and member of the DSU Foundation Board of Directors, said that the center "is a long-term dream that has become a reality. It is the result of a lot of hard work. With this project, there was a unity among our people we've never seen before."

Delta State's Vice President for Business Affairs Dr. Bob Nettles, who will serve as the contact person on the project, pointed out that the center will be a three-story, L-shaped structure with 25 classrooms, faculty offices, administrative area, computer labs, two distance-learning classrooms and large multi-purpose room with catering facilities. It is anticipated that construction will take until November 2000 with classes to start as early 2001.

*A special thanks to David Lush and the Bolivar Commercial for their permission to use excerpts from an earlier article.*



*Mayor Paul Artman and Dr. Kent Wyatt show other dignitaries how it's done!*

*Photo by David Lush*

## Distinguished Professor Named

Delta State University has announced that John Quon has been named the initial John Yurkow Distinguished Professor. Quon, a member of the DSU Accounting Faculty since 1971, was recently named "Outstanding Educator of the Year" by the Mississippi Society of Certified Public Accountants. Having received numerous recognitions and honors, he was the recipient of the South Central Bell Outstanding Faculty Teaching Award (1992), the S.E. Kossman Outstanding Faculty Award (1992), Panhellenic Outstanding Faculty Award ('89, '92), and the Robert W. Harrison, Jr. Distinguished Faculty Award ('93). A past member of the Faculty Senate, Quon currently serves as the faculty representative to the DSU Foundation Board of Directors.



*John Quon*

## Flight Team Tops Again

Delta State University's Precision Flight Team once again has taken the top spot in the Flying Events Team championship event and John Bowen of Pearl earned runner-up honors in the individual competition in the National Intercollegiate Flying Association Safety and Flight Evaluation Conference (SAFECON) Region IV competition in Temple, TX. The win assures the team of a slot in this spring's national championship in Selina, KS. It marks the 10th straight year Delta State has earned an invitation to the national event.

## Campus Updates

- **Jan Cooper**, CIS and Business Education instructor and coordinator of Business Education, completed certification requirements as a Certified Novell Administrator (CNA). She was also named president-elect for the Mississippi Business Education Association and will be hosting the MBEA State Conference at Delta State in September 1999.
- **Carolyn Elkins**, assistant professor of English, was recognized as the 1998 Mississippi Humanities Council Teacher of the Year. She also won the Poetry Slam for the third consecutive year at the Wildacres Writer's Workshop in North Carolina.
- **Dr. Samuel Faulkner**, associate professor of Biological Sciences, published several articles in 1998, including three in the horticulture magazine The Growing Edge.
- **Dr. Stephen King**, assistant professor of Speech, received notice that his article, "The Co-operation of a "Revolution" Rastafari, Reggae, and the Rhetoric of Social Control," will be published in the May 1999 edition of the Howard Journal of Communications.
- **Albert Nylander**, assistant professor of Sociology, was named chair of the Department of Sociology.
- **Dr. Maureen Prospt**, dean of the DSU School of Nursing, received the 1998 Mississippi Association of Student Nurses' *Dean of the Year* award.
- **Dr. Michelle Roberts**, director of Institutional Research and Planning, was selected to participate in the Mississippi Economic Council's 1998-99 Leadership Mississippi Program.
- **Bill Spencer**, professor of English, was elected vice-president of the Cormac McCarthy Society at their annual conference in El Paso, TX.
- **Dr. Grady E. (Ed) Williams**, professor of Biological Sciences, has been named chair of the Division of Biological Sciences. He is to succeed Dr. Wayne Walley who is retiring at the end of the 1998-99 academic session.

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# Leadership Letters

## *DSU Foundation President's Letter*



Ned Mitchell

Dr. Kent Wyatt's announcement that he will be retiring as President on June 30, 1999, was unwelcome news for the entire Delta State family. He is a great leader and holds the respect and admiration of everyone who has any connection with or knows about Delta State University. His years as President have been the most successful in Delta State's history and the University has attained heights that could not have been dreamed of 24 years ago. The Clarion Ledger says, "his greatest achievement may have been his long standing steady hand at the helm." I agree with and echo this, but must add that his vision for the University, his incredible ability for superb fiscal management, his total dedication and love for the University and most of all his unquestioned integrity - these things, along with that steady hand, all congregate to become his greatest achievement.

The Wyatt years of leadership have brought us to unparalleled heights, and as we enter our 75th year and start toward our Centennial, I envision our institution as being on a plateau. We need to use this plateau as a trailhead to begin the climb for more and more achievement. The Foundation is ready, through its partnership with the institution, to help take the lead in this climb for success through its private support efforts.

As Delta State becomes 75 years old and ventures into its next quarter century of opportunity, I would like to see our University be the catalyst that sparks an economic, educational and cultural renaissance in the middle south. We can be successful in this quest by universally promoting the school, by increasing our student population and interacting more and more with our alumni and friends, while interfacing with the interests of the communities and businesses in our sphere of influence. The Delta State University Foundation stands ready to help make our goals a reality.

Sincerely,



Ned A. Mitchell

President

DSU Foundation, Inc.

## *DSU Alumni Association President's Letter*

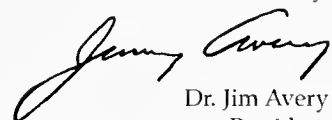
On behalf of the Delta State University Alumni Association, I want to thank you for the continued support exhibited during 1998. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Mickey Robinson, Association Past President; Dr. Don Skelton, Executive Director; and the DSU Alumni Association staff, the Association was successful in many areas during 1998.

Each year the DSU Alumni Association faces new challenges. The first challenge for 1999 is the retirement of Dr. Kent Wyatt after 24 years of leadership as President. Dr. Wyatt's accomplishments during his tenure are well chronicled in this issue. The most impressive has been his ability to guide the University through the severe fiscal problems of the late 1980s and the potential consequences of the Ayers' case and have the University emerge stronger and even more vital.

Dr. Wyatt will be remembered both as an effective administrator and as a loyal champion of Delta State University. Since serving as the first full-time director of the Alumni Association, he has remained actively engaged with the Association. Although his presence will be sorely missed, we applaud his ability to leave truly at the top of his game. The DSU Alumni Association Board of Directors will do everything in its power to provide positive input into the selection of his successor.

Realizing that the volunteering of one's time is one of life's most precious gifts, I ask that you "get involved" by becoming an active volunteer for Delta State and the Alumni Association. We need your help as we prepare for a new millennium.

Sincerely,



Dr. Jim Avery

President

DSU Alumni Association



Dr. Jim Avery

# Alumni News

## DSU Graduate Heads Corporate Change



Steve Suhowatsky

Steve Suhowatsky attended Delta State from 1961 to 1964. In addition to being an excellent student during that time, he was also a member of the Statesmen basketball team. There is a good chance he occasionally heard his coaches refer to the importance of athletes developing their strength, speed, agility and endurance.

When Suhowatsky, president of Syracuse Supply Company since 1983, envisioned a new name and new organization for the company, he recalled those qualities which had contributed to the survival and success of the 114 year old company. The qualities that came to mind were strength, speed, and agility. Today, the company's name is Panthus Corporation.

While the above-mentioned qualities have played important roles, he considers the most significant attribute to be the company's ability to change as the market changes and to anticipate the changes. Also paramount to the survival of Panthus has been its history of integrity. "There is a long history of a high degree of integrity with our constituents .. vendors, customers, and employees, and the business community in general .. companies that have the highest degree of integrity are the most successful over a long period of time."

As to the future of Panthus, Suhowatsky says, "Today we're looking at somewhere between 10-and 20-percent growth per year based on our core businesses (equipment distribution and technology services). And we're looking at acquisitions to expand that growth even more." As to his personal goals, "I want to get Panthus to at least a half-billion-

dollar company. And I want to put in place a system for the development of management and people skills that is more organized than we have today .. so that when I walk away I'll leave a healthy, well-managed company behind."

Following his graduation from Delta State in 1964 with a Bachelor of Science degree and major in accounting and after receiving his MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1966, Suhowatsky began his professional career as assistant treasurer with Eagle Picher Industries. He was named Syracuse Supply Company's president after serving seven years (1975-82) as president of Eagle Picher Bearings.

Active in civic, social and professional organizations, Suhowatsky is a past chairman and member of the Board of Directors for the Syracuse Chamber of Commerce, the Metropolitan Development Association and chairman of the Lakefront Development Corporation. He was the 1998 chairman for the Syracuse Boy Power Campaign with the Boy Scouts of America and currently sits on the board of directors for numerous business and health service organizations.

For his contributions, he was named an Entrepreneur of the Year Finalist in 1994, recognized as Chairman of the Year AGC New York in both 1984 and 1989, and received the Rebuilding America Award in 1998.

Listed in "Who's Who in Finance and Industry," "Who's Who in America" and Who's Who in the Midwest," he was named Delta State's "Outstanding Alumnus" in 1984.

He and his wife, the former Gail Hartness of Indianola, a 1965 DSU graduate, have three children and currently reside in Fayetteville, N.Y.

## Bruckner At Home With NASA



Bobby Gene Bruckner

Bobby Gene Bruckner, a Drew native now residing in Merritt Island, FL, graduated from Delta State in 1966 earning a bachelor's degree with honors in mathematics. He would later (1971) receive his master's degree in electrical engineering from Florida Institute of Technology. His wife, the former Marilyn Everitt, graduated from Delta State in 1967 with a bachelor's degree in biology and went on to receive her medical technology degree. Both

Marilyn and Bobby graduated from Drew High School and were both valedictorians of their respective classes.

Immediately following graduation from Delta State, Bruckner joined NASA in June 1966, as an engineer, responsible for developing telemetry and data display systems used in the test and checkout of Apollo/Saturn launch vehicles. He later served as Director of Payload Ground System. As a senior executive at NASA, Bruckner is now responsible for the man-

agement and technical direction of preflight checkout and integration of Space Shuttle and expendable vehicle payloads. This includes customer payloads, Spacelab, special structures, deployable payloads, and upper stages. He meets with visiting Heads of State and other foreign dignitaries, as well as the United States corporate dignitaries regarding payloads.

Among Bruckner's many honors are NASA's Exceptional Service Medal and NASA's Leadership Medal. He also received numerous letters of appreciation for his organization's role in support of final assembly and launch of payloads including the recent Mars Pathfinder Probe.

A member of IEEE (Institute of Electronics & Electrical Engineers) and the NASA-Kennedy Management Association, Bruckner has held numerous civic organization leadership positions, including serving as the 1997 Vice Chairman of the Space Congress and past chairman of the Brevard County Combined Federal Campaign. In addition, he has served as an adjunct professor at Florida Institute of Technology, University of Central Florida, and Brevard Community College.



# From Russia With Love



What a difference a year makes! Robert ('83) and Marjorie Taylor ('85) and their new babies, Spencer and Lauren, can definitely say that after celebrating their family's first Christmas and New Year's holidays together in their recently remodeled home in Cleveland.

Remodeling the house proved a much easier task than the red tape experienced by the Taylors as they sought to complete the adoption process for Lauren and Spencer. Applying for adoption in April, 1998, the process began with review of videos of Russian children available for adoption. Spencer was the first to be accepted and approved. Then came the delays as the couple waited for videos of little girls to arrive. "It wasn't the easiest thing to get videos in," said Taylor. "At first it seemed real easy, but the rules changed as the game was played and it became harder to get the children's videos."

Leaving for Russia on October 15, the Taylors began their trip to meet the babies with a lengthy flight to the city of Vladivostok via Moscow where they met their adoption agency representative. Soon after arriving in Vladivostok, they were taken to see Lauren. Not used to seeing people and having never seen a man before, the meeting proved stressful for both Lauren and the prospective parents as she cried throughout their visit. On October 18, the Taylors were taken to see Spencer who was in a children's hospital wing that served as an orphanage. Spencer had spent the eight months since his birth inside this wing.

Following a brief appearance in court on October 20 to gain custody of the children, the Taylors were able to get Spencer the next day and Lauren a day later. Following the completion of a required 10-day waiting period, the family flew to Moscow where they would obtain visas for the children. The final piece to the puzzle was completed with their arrival in Jackson, MS, after 24 hours in flight.

Once in Cleveland, Spencer and Lauren wasted little time in making themselves at home, and life in the Taylor house is definitely happy.

*A special thanks to Deedra Bookout and the Bolivar Commercial for their permission to use excerpts from an earlier article.*

## Announcement!

### The 1999 Miss DSU Pageant

The 1999 Miss DSU Pageant will celebrate its 40th Anniversary on March 4, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bologna Performing Arts Center

If you are a former Miss DSU, contact Linda Ross at 846-4666.

# Alumni Chapter News

## 1998

- Sept. 24** The **S.E. Miss. Chapter** met at the Dunhopen Inn in Hattiesburg with entertainment provided by Miss Delta, Missy Pitts.
- Sept. 24** The **Black Alumni** held a phon-a-thon to increase membership.
- Oct. 2** Members of the **Class of 1948** were inducted into the **Golden Circle** at a dinner at the Cleveland Country Club.
- Oct. 21** Members of the DSU Science faculty and staff met in Jackson with **DSU alumni attending University Medical School**.
- Oct. 22** **Washington County Alumni** had a poolside gathering at the Ramada Inn in Greenville with entertainment provided by Renaissance.
- Oct. 31** The alumni office coordinated an alumni trip to the Southern Arkansas football game in Magnolia, Ark.
- Nov. 5** Alumni from **Leflore, Carroll, and Montgomery Counties** had a dinner meeting at the Greenwood Country Club with entertainment provided by Renaissance.
- Nov. 6** The **DSU Travel Group** attended Mistletoe Marketplace in Jackson.
- Dec. 8** Members of the **Inter-Alumni Council** attended a meeting in Jackson.
- Dec. 10** The Alumni-Foundation Office hosted a Christmas party for **DSU retired faculty and staff**.
- Dec. 11** The **DSU Music Alumni** held their annual meeting on the Mississippi Gulf Coast with Marshall Hughes and Jim McCutcheon serving as hosts.
- Dec. 14** Delta State and Mississippi Valley co-hosted an **Inter-Alumni Council Reception** for area legislators and alumni representatives.

## 1999

- Jan. 23** The **Alumni Association Board of Directors** held its winter meeting on campus.
- Jan. 26** Alumni from the **Greater New Orleans Area** met at Vaqueros Restaurant in New Orleans.
- Feb. 18** The **Attala-Holmes County Chapter** had a dinner meeting at Lakeside Restaurant in Lexington.
- Feb. 25** A meeting is scheduled for **Grenada County Alumni**.
- Mar. 18** The **Gulf Coast Area Alumni** will have their annual meeting.
- Mar. 30** The **Bolivar County Alumni** will host their annual Crawfish Boil.

# Alumni News

## G. W. "Willie" Gilliam - #1 Storyteller



Keith Fulcher and "Mr. Willie" share a moment at the N.E. Mississippi chapter meeting in Tupelo

He could always be counted on to thrill the crowd." Well, he still thrills the crowd!

Several years ago, Gilliam decided to enter the senior "Storytelling" talent competition at the North Mississippi Fair in Verona. After winning first place, he decided to enter the Mid-South Fair competition in Memphis. Once again, he was victorious and lay claim to the title of Champion Storyteller of the Mid-South.

A brief visit with "Mr. Willie" quickly convinces you that his enthusiasm for life has served as a blessing to all who have come in contact

G. W. "Willie" Gilliam graduated from Delta State University Teachers College in 1940. The yearbook from that year, *The Broom*, states that, after transferring from Holmes Junior College, he was a member of the football and basketball teams and "M" Club his two years at Delta State Teachers College. A closer look reveals the following: "#10 - Willie Gilliam, (Sr.), forward from Rocky Ford was a real ball handler.

with him. His retirement has served as an extension of the humor-inspired life that typified his professional career as a teacher, coach, 4-H advisor, and county agent for Pontotoc County.

Born and raised in Union County, Gilliam often reflects upon his rural up-bringing by stating "We lived so far out, whenever we went hunting we had to go toward town." Attending school in the Macedonia community, he discovered two loves of his life - basketball and his soon-to-be-wife of many years, Delia. Following these discoveries, Gilliam became so fond of school he says, "I just decided to stay another year before graduating. I guess that's where the redshirt program started."

A favorite story of Gilliam is that of his "War" experience. During World War II, he enlisted in the Navy and was assigned to Millington Naval Base, where he supervised physical training for the next 3 1/2 years. Finally, he received orders to go overseas. As he prepared for his departure, word suddenly came that all transfers were canceled. "They'd just got word that the war was over," he recalled. "All I could figure was that they (Japan) heard I was on the way and just gave up."

At age 82 and a dedicated Christian, "Mr. Willie" shares his humor and faith equally as he visits with civic groups, church groups and gatherings of all ages. He is fond of quoting "A merry heart doeth good, like a medicine." Yes - he is still thrilling the crowds!

*A special thanks to Errol Castens of the Tupelo Daily Journal for his permission to use excerpts from an earlier article.*

## Griffis To Head Mississippi State Foundation

Bryce Griffis of Starkville, a 1954 business administration graduate of Delta State University, has been elected president of the Mississippi State University Foundation.

As foundation president, he leads a non-profit organization that has helped raise more than \$116 million in the past 5 years, while the endowment has grown from \$79 million to more than \$150 million.

Named Delta State's Alumnus of the Year in 1986, Griffis was a member of the Board of Trustees, Institutions of Higher Learning from 1980 to 1992, serving as president in 1986-87. He currently is a trustee of Wood College and the Mississippi United Methodist Foundation, as well as chairman of the advisory board for the Starkville branch of Deposit Guaranty National Bank.

A past president of the Mississippi Forestry Association and the Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association, Griffis is president of Sturgis Timber Company.



Bryce Griffis

## Nichols - Scientist and Author

Dr. Wilmer W. "Wimp" Nichols, a 1960 graduate of Delta State University, was recognized as the recipient of the Gifted Scientist Award, given by the Florida Chapter of the American College of Cardiology at its annual meeting October 30-31, 1998, in Orlando.

Nichols, named as Delta State University's "Outstanding Alumnus" in 1980, has also been notified that his latest book, *McDonald's Blood Flow in Arteries: Theoretical, Experimental and Clinical Principles*, 4th Edition, has received a five-star rating by Doody Publishing, recognized as the foremost independent reviewer of health sciences and nursing books. It is noted that only five percent of the books that are reviewed receive this highest rating.

A Booneville native, Nichols and his wife, Arlene, reside in Gainesville, Florida, where he teaches and conducts research with the University of Florida, College of Medicine, Division of Cardiology.



Wilmer Nichols

# Philanthropy

## First Levingston Speaker Named

Noted conservative William F. Buckley, Jr. will give the inaugural address in the recently endowed Levingston Distinguished Speaker Series at Delta State University's Bologna Performing Arts Center. Buckley will visit the University on October 28, 1999.



William F. Buckley

Established by Jon and Bruce Levingston and named in honor of their family's longtime commitment to Delta State, the series will bring a leading public figure to the campus each year to speak and interact with the University and Delta communities.

"I am happy to travel to the homeland of Jon and Bruce Levingston, and it pleases me to be once again in the state where my mother was born and raised," Buckley said.

For more information, call 1-800-468-6378, ext. 6.

## Hearin Foundation Makes \$83,000 Grant

The Robert M. Hearin Foundation has awarded Delta State University a grant of \$83,000 to support two new programs.

The University's graduate program was awarded \$45,000 to support graduate fellowships in the Master of Science in Community Development. Fellowships of \$5,000 each will be awarded to three graduate students each year who will study and conduct research with faculty and staff in Delta State University's Center for Community Development.

The Delta State University Department of Physical Sciences received a \$38,000 grant to fund a program which will help secondary school students, college students, the general public and agricultural industry understand technology and its application and implication through a series of seminars, workshops and conferences.

## Dr. Bennie and Millie Wright Make Gift

Dr. Bennie Wright of Cleveland and his wife, Millie, recently made a \$50,000 gift to the Delta State University Foundation to be divided equally between two funds. Twenty-five thousand dollars goes to the Excellence in Science Program and \$25,000 to the Kent and Janice Wyatt Faculty Development Program.

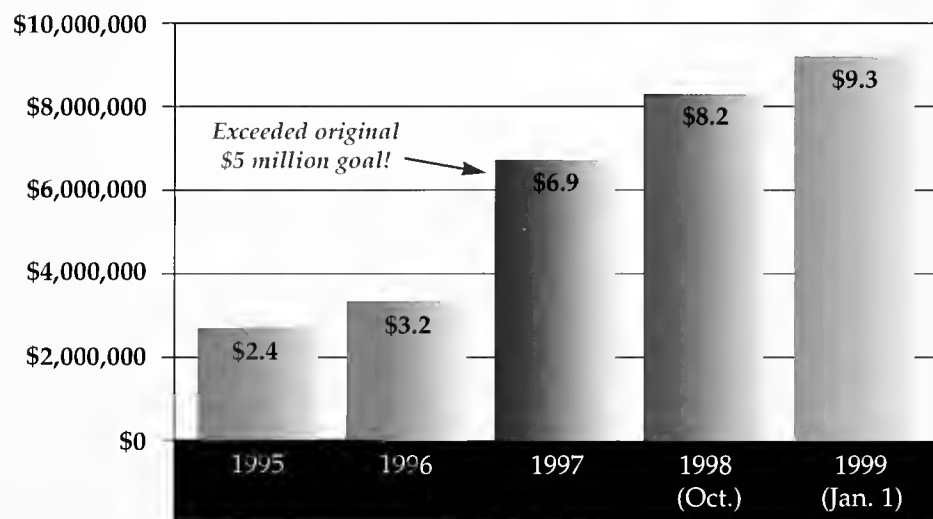
"Delta State helped me earn my medical degree, and the University also helped Millie in her nursing career," Wright said. "We wanted to show our gratitude through our gift to support the needs of the students and the faculty."

Dr. Wright earned his bachelor of science and master of science degrees from Delta State in 1974 and 1975, while Millie Wright, a registered nurse, received her bachelor of science degree in nursing at Delta State in 1990.



(Left to right) Dr. John Thornell, Dr. Henry Outlaw, Millie Wright, Dr. Bennie Wright, and Dr. Kent Wyatt

## The Campaign for Delta State New Challenge Goal of \$10 Million by year 2000



To help the University reach the \$10 million challenge goal, send your tax deductible gift to P.O. Box 3141, Cleveland, MS 38733.

# Philanthropy

On December 2, 1998, scholarship donors had the opportunity to meet their student recipients at a reception in the H. L. Nowell Student Union. Two hundred and sixty students, donors, family members, faculty and staff attended the reception highlighted by a welcoming speech from Dr. Kent Wyatt. Below are several photos from the reception representing the 100 privately funded scholarships currently awarded to deserving students.

To discuss establishing a scholarship please call (601) 846-4708 or e-mail [kfulcher@dsu.deltast.edu](mailto:kfulcher@dsu.deltast.edu).

## Sylvia Wiggins Poole Memorial Scholarship



Mr. James Albert Wiggins of Cleveland, son of the late Sylvia Wiggins Poole, meets recipient Amanda Langford. Mrs. Poole owned and operated the College Inn from 1936-1947. Mrs. Poole provided for the establishment of her scholarship through her will.

## Clark and Aureola Boyd Scholarship

Mrs. Aureola Boyd (center) of Cleveland established a scholarship in 1996 to help students attend the University. The first recipient, Lydia "Elle" Mitchell (right) and Dr. Kent Wyatt, University President, thank Mrs. Boyd for her scholarship.



## Arlene Ward Bradshaw Community Health Nursing Award

Patricia White (right), recipient of this award named in honor of Arlene Bradshaw of Charleston, is congratulated by Dr. Maureen Propst, Dean of the School of Nursing. This award is given to a senior nursing student who plans to work in a community health field.



## John Yurkow Accounting Graduate Scholarship

Gene Barger (left) recipient of the John Yurkow Accounting Graduate Scholarship meets Helen Yurkow (center), and Dr. Keith Atkinson, Chair of the Department of Accounting. John Yurkow taught accounting at Delta State from 1958 until 1986. He died in February of 1994.



## Leola Griffin Memorial Scholarship

Mr. W. D. "Doc" Griffin established this scholarship in memory of his late wife, Leola. Pictured are (from left) Dr. Richard Myers, Kristi Powell, recipient, Sadie Griffin and "Doc" Griffin. Mr. Griffin has also provided for future scholarships through his will.



## Elliott Scholars

Drs. Robert L. and Mary C. Elliott of Baton Rouge, LA in 1992 established the "Elliott Scholars" for students majoring in biology and physical sciences. Elliott Scholars receive a full scholarship to cover tuition, fees, room and board and a book allowance. (From left) Dr. Henry Outlaw, Chair of the Department of Physical Science, Ben Hailey, Leigh Bailey, and Chris Hanks, recipients, Dr. Richard Myers, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, and Dr. Ed Williams, recently named Chair of the Biological Science Department are pictured.

# Scholarship Donor-Recipient Reception



## Robert E. Smith Scholarships

Mr. Robert E. Smith (left) of Cleveland has established four scholarships over the past two years. Three scholarships will be awarded through the School of Nursing and one as a Presidential Scholarship. The first recipient of a Robert E. Smith Scholarship is Ruth Lopez (center). Pictured with Mr. Smith and Ruth is Dr. Don Skelton, Executive Director of the Alumni-Foundation.



## Audrey Waller Parrish Memorial Scholarship

Established in 1997 by the daughters of Mrs. Parrish, Mrs. Dee Denton-Hammons of Ridgeland (second from left) and Dr. Linda Coleman of Cleveland (fourth from left), this scholarship is designated for a student majoring in guidance and counseling. The first recipient is Amy Richardson (left). Pictured also are Dr. E. E. Caston, Dean of the School of Education, and Dr. Virginia Hollimon, Chair of the Division of Behavioral Sciences.



## Raynold Chiz Memorial Scholarship Melvin F. Cohen Memorial Scholarship

Mrs. Louise Chiz of Shaw (third from left) and her family established in 1986 the Raynold Chiz Memorial Scholarship for a student majoring in business and in 1988 established the Melvin F. Cohen Memorial Scholarship for a student majoring in biology. Paul "Bubba" Mancini (right) recipient of the Raynold Chiz Scholarship is shown with Dr. Richard Myers, Dr. Ed Williams and Mrs. Chiz.



## John H. Tatum Memorial Scholarship

The family and friends of Dr. John Tatum established this memorial scholarship upon his sudden death on November 22, 1997. Tatum taught at Delta State for 20 years. Michelle McMillan (second from left), the first recipient of the John Tatum Memorial Scholarship for a student majoring in German, is pictured with Dr. Richard Myers, Carol Tatum (third from left) and Dorothy Shawhan, Chair of the Division of Languages and Literature.



## H. L. Nowell Scholarship

Amanda Robinson (second from left) and Jenny Tackett (third from left) recipients of the H. L. Nowell Scholarships are congratulated by Linda Ross, Director of the H. L. Nowell Student Union and Billy Nowell, nephew of H. L. Nowell.

## Jimmy Sanders Scholarship

Asia Ivery (left) is one of two recipients of the Jimmy Sanders Scholarships. The two scholarships, which were established in 1975, are designated by Mr. Sanders for students majoring in Biological Science. Congratulating Asia is Dr. Ed Williams.



# Philanthropy

## Johnny Ouzts Scholarship Awarded



The first Johnny Ouzts Memorial Scholarship was recently awarded to Alex Scheuermann (third from left), Delta State University senior biology major from Lafayette, LA. Joining in the scholarship presentation were (from left) Dr. Jim Avery, DSU Alumni Association President and former student of the late Dr. Ouzts, from Baton Rouge, LA; Peggy Ouzts, wife of the late Dr. Ouzts, from Cleveland; and Dr. Mike Daigle, DSU alumnus and former student of Dr. Ouzts, from Houma, LA. Dr. Daigle, an oral surgeon, initiated the scholarship at the time of Dr. Ouzts' death in October, 1992.

Dr. Ouzts served Delta State for 28 years as Associate Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences and Professor and Chair of the Department of Biological Sciences. Gifts to the Johnny Ouzts Memorial Scholarship may be sent to Box 3141, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS 38733.

## Bologna Performing Arts Center Offers Corporate Sponsorships

DSU President Dr. Kent Wyatt (left) and Union Planters Bank President Willis Frazer (right) enjoy a moment with Gail Bliss, star of "A Musical Tribute to Patsy Cline," at the Bologna Performing Arts Center. Union Planters is a corporate sponsor for the second consecutive season, underwriting "Fiddler on The Roof."

Other Bologna Performing Arts Center sponsors for the 1998-99 season are: The Self Foundation, Memphis Hardwood Flooring, Morrison Brothers Music, and an anonymous sponsor. Print and broadcast media sponsors include: The Bolivar Commercial, The Delta Democrat Times, Delta Business Journal, WXVT-TV, and WABG-TV. Visit the Bologna Performing Arts Center's website at [www.deltast.edu](http://www.deltast.edu). For information on Corporate Sponsorships call 1-800-468-6378, ext. 6.



Performing Arts Center  
Delta State University

## Nowell Recognized

Billy Nowell (right), Delta State University Foundation Board president from 1996-98, receives a commemorative plaque from his 1998-99 counterpart, President Ned Mitchell. Nowell was recognized at the recent Foundation Board of Directors meeting. Private support for The Campaign for Delta State increased from \$6.1 million to \$8.4 million during Nowell's two years as Foundation Board president.



## The Phil Hardin Foundation Makes \$75,000 Lead Gift



Mr. Tom Wacaster (left), Vice-president for Educational Programs and Research for the Meridian-based Phil Hardin Foundation, presented a \$75,000 gift to establish *The Kent and Janice Wyatt Faculty Development Endowment Fund*. The late Mr. Hardin built the Hardin Bakeries Corporation into a highly successful Mississippi business. In 1964, he established a charitable foundation to be used for furthering the education of Mississippians.

The Kent and Janice Wyatt Faculty Development Fund helps to accomplish this goal by creating an endowment that will support projects allowing faculty members to travel to acquire new skills and knowledge, plan and implement special academic, artistic and intellectual events, and bring visiting scholars to campus.

"This is a significant gift that will serve to enrich the educational environment for our students through the opportunities provided to and for the Delta State University faculty," said Dr. Don A. Skelton, Executive Director of the Alumni and Foundation. Gifts to this fund in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Wyatt may be sent to Box 3141, Cleveland, MS 38733.

### Corrections to the 1997-98 Annual Report

The following are corrected membership names in the:

#### Presidents Club

Elena Barham

Dr. William and Brenda Webb Spencer

#### Founders Club

Glenn K. Brown

#### Heritage Club

Tim Harvey



# Sports Update

## DSU Athletics: A Program of Success!

by Dr. Don A. Skelton

As an alumnus, I am always interested in hearing how visiting fans and professionals from other communities and schools look upon the Delta State athletic program, our coaches, athletes, and facilities.

First, let me say that the results are overwhelmingly positive in that people envy our program and its record of success. They look upon our athletes as talented and dedicated student-athletes who strive for success in and out of class. They look upon our coaches as professionals who not only know how to win but how to win the "right" way. They look upon our facilities as being among the best in the nation for a school our size.

Oddly enough, those of us closest to the action sometime fail to fully realize what an excellent job has been done in molding the Statesmen and Lady Statesmen athletic teams into a nationally-recognized program of which we can all be proud. I remember Coach Ferriss telling me that "sometimes we can't see what we have because we are too close to it." As usual, Boo was right!

While we are counting our blessings, we also need to recognize that all of the above didn't just happen. Somewhere along the way, the "right" administrative decisions were made to make this program the best. Many memorable names from the past come to mind as having a role in laying the foundation, but three current administrators have and are playing key roles. First and foremost, Dr. Kent Wyatt, a former athlete, has provided guidance and leadership for the past 24 years in the development of a comprehensive program, based upon the principles of quality teaching and sportsmanship. Next, Dr. Jim Jordan has readily accepted the challenge of molding and maintaining a program of excellence despite the existing fiscal limitations imposed by the State. Lastly, Dr. Milton Bradley has admirably fulfilled the role of faculty representative, ensuring the integrity of the program and university. These three men are recognized nationally, representing Delta State and the NCAA in various leadership roles.

The athletic program at Delta State was molded by people who cared. It has been maintained by people who care. As long as we focus on having quality student-athletes, coaches, and administrators, others will echo, "they have a great athletic program."

## Kuhn Looking At Higher Goals

First-year Lady Statesmen softball coach David Kuhn plans to continue the winning ways established by the past teams, who have won the Gulf South Conference West Division the past three seasons. "It is my hope that within the next four years we will be in the NCAA regionals. It would bother me not to succeed as I expect us to perform well and win."

Coming to Delta State from Washington School in Greenville, Kuhn began his coaching career at Greenville Christian School in January 1993. He worked there as an assistant football coach, head baseball coach for two years and as the softball coach for one season. In 1997, he worked as a graduate assistant under Delta State University baseball coach Mike Kinnison.



David Kuhn

## Knight Returns to Alma Mater

Todd Knight, who led Delta State to its first Gulf South Conference football title in 1998, resigned in January to become the head football coach at his alma mater, Quachita Baptist University. Knight headed the Delta State University football program from 1993-1998, recording a 28-32-2 record.

## Statesmen Reap Conference Honors

Five Delta State University players were named to the 1998 first-team All-Conference Football Team and six others were second-team picks.

Chosen to the first-team were running back Casey Macke, center Andrew Aldridge, tackle Chris Rankin, and defensive linemen Melvin Houston and Kevin Thomas. Second-team honorees were Rick Walker, Willie Ducksworth, Jatton Jackson, Ricky Franklin, Johnathon Mitchell and Rory Bell.

## Statesmen Baseballers Ranked #14

The NCAA Division II baseball coaches have picked the Delta State University baseball team to once again be among the top programs in 1999 as the Statesmen are pre-season ranked #14 in the nation. Following a 39-12 campaign in 1998, the Statesmen return two quality pitchers in Jeremy McClain (9-3) and Jeremy Luse (8-4). Among the five returning position player starters are OF Dee Haynes, one of the nation's best offensive players (.392, 21 HR, 74 RBI), C Neil Bartling (.312), 1B/C Jason Cochran (.360, 14 HR, 60 RBI), 2B Todd Bossier (.319), and 3B Brian Rea (.439, 38 RBI). With a two-year record of 75-32, Coach Mike Kinnison is looking forward to another season as the Statesmen defend their Western Division Championship in the Gulf South Conference.

# Sports Update

## Campbell Named DSU Football Coach

Steve Campbell, a former DSU assistant coach, was named Delta State's Head Football Coach on January 26, 1999. In announcing Campbell's hiring, DSU Athletics Director Dr. Jim Jordan stated, "We are excited about Steve coming back to Delta State. His coaching background is perfect for Delta State."

"I am thrilled to have an opportunity to return to Delta State," Campbell said. "Todd Knight has done a good job of building the program and we need to take it to the next level where we are competing every year for not only the conference championship but also the national championship," continued Campbell.

The 32-year old Campbell comes to Delta State from Southwest Community College where he has been the head coach for the past two years. His first Southwest team compiled a 5-5 mark - the school's first non-losing season in a decade. In 1998, Campbell led Southwest to its first winning season in 12 years, posting a 7-3 record. He was the South squad's head coach in the 1998 Mississippi Junior College All-Star Game.

Beginning his coaching career in 1988, he was a graduate assistant on Pat Dye's Auburn staff for two years, with the Tigers winning two SEC Championships, the 1989 Sugar Bowl and the 1990 Hall of Fame Bowl. Campbell came to Delta State in 1990 and stayed until 1993. He later served as offensive coordinator for the Nichols State Colonels until 1996 before moving to Southwest Community College.

Campbell was a four-year starter during his collegiate career. He was an All-Gulf South Conference selection in 1987 and was named academic all-conference three times. He holds a B.S. in Economics from Troy State and a Master's of Business Administration from Auburn.

Campbell and his wife, Shellie have two children, Kelsie, 7, and Steven, 6.



## Inaugural Class of Inductees Announced for Women's Basketball Hall of Fame

The Women's Basketball Hall of Fame has announced that Delta State's Lusia Harris Stewart and Coach Margaret Wade are to be recognized in its inaugural class of inductees. This historic class, which honors legends from the 106-year history of the women's game, includes 26 men and women who have helped establish, shape and define women's basketball.

Wade, who was instrumental in pioneering the resurrection of women's collegiate basketball in the U.S., established a 157-23 record during her 6-year stint as head coach for the Lady Statesmen. The Wade Trophy, established to recognize the nation's top collegiate female basketball player, was named in her honor in 1978.

Credited with scoring the first points in women's Olympic basketball competition, Stewart was a dominant force in the women's game in the 70's. Known for her aggressive style and strength, the three-time Kodak All-American is considered by many to be the best women's center ever.

The Stewart-Wade combination led Delta State to consecutive national championships in 1975, 1976 and 1977 and were the first women inductees into the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass.

## 1999 U.S. Women's Open Comes To Mississippi

The single largest and most prestigious golf championship open to women professionals and amateurs is coming to Mississippi in 1999. Much excitement is building as Old Waverly Golf Club in West Point, MS prepares to host the 54th U.S. Women's Open Championship. May 31 - June 6, 1999 will provide exciting golf action as 150 of the best women golfers from around the globe will compete for their most coveted title - National Champion.

Never before has Mississippi held a sporting event of this magnitude, so make your plans to attend.

To order tickets by phone, or for corporate hospitality and volunteer information, call toll-free: 1-888-495-1999, or in Mississippi, (601) 495-1999.

## Spring Sports Day Activities Scheduled

Mark Graham, president of the Athletic Alumni Association, announces that April 24 will be the University's "Spring Sports Day."

The day's activities include the annual Athletic Alumni Golf Tournament, baseball doubleheader versus Southern Arkansas and spring football action. Also scheduled is the Sports Hall of Fame Banquet, featuring the induction of Scott Butler, Harry Ballard, Willie Collins, John Crawford, Kyle Finney, Ralph Moore and Ike Taylor with Guy Barr being recognized as Delta State University "Distinguished Statesman" for 1999.

### Attention:

#### Women's Softball Athletes

An effort is currently underway to locate all former women softball athletes. If you were a member of past teams, please contact the Alumni-Foundation Office at 1-800-468-6379, ext. 6.

# The Wyatt Years 1975-1999

## "Quality Without Compromise"

When it was announced in the early afternoon of January 20 that a meeting of faculty, staff and students would be held at 3:45 p.m., most of us knew that it probably had something to do with our president's retirement plans. What we didn't realize was his plan to leave the presidency June 30, 1999. While it had been speculated that the time for his retirement was coming, the reality of a firm date of happening hit hard and was unwelcome news to all.

Realizing the potential importance of the meeting, most of us arrived early. As expected, the first to greet everyone was Kent Wyatt, a smile on his face and hand extended. As we waited for Wyatt's comments, my thoughts were of the setting he had chosen to make this important announcement. The facility he chose was the Performing Arts Center, a dream of Wyatt's that became a reality and is now the "cultural center" for the Mississippi Delta. The audience he chose were those he most credits with the institution's success, its faculty, staff and students.

After announcing his retirement plans, Wyatt continued, "When I first addressed the faculty as your President in August of 1975, I stated that I was determined that Delta State would stand against the rising tide of grade inflation and diminishing academic quality, even if we should stand alone." Assuming that his original comments were just the customary rhetoric associated with inaugural addresses, we may not have paid much attention at the time. Today, as we look back over Wyatt's years of leadership, we find that he has accepted all challenges to his pledge and Delta State's reputation of being an institution of academic quality remains unquestioned.

On January 16, 1975, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning appointed Dr. Forest Kent Wyatt to the DSU presidency effective July 1, 1975. Over the

next 24 years the university would experience dramatic growth in many areas, including student enrollment, physical plant, academic recognition and private giving to the institution. Eighteen new buildings would be constructed and many others renovated; the number of faculty would increase from 202 to 328; every academic program would gain national accreditation; and Foundation assets would increase more than tenfold.

During his address Wyatt expressed his admiration for a student body who is confronted daily by the many temptations of a changing society and continues to "share our belief in a high quality of education without compromise."

He praised a faculty and staff who "could have left a listing ship but stayed" during the late '80s and early '90s when not only jobs but the university itself was threatened with elimination. It was a period that Wyatt refers to as "perhaps the bleakest time for higher education in Mississippi."

He thanked his wife for sharing her strength and counsel throughout his professional life, saying, "I owe Janice a great deal and I acknowledge that to you today." As he spoke of Janice, my thoughts were of the countless functions they have attended over the years in behalf of Delta State and how fortunate we are to have had the two of them as our President and First Lady.

In concluding his remarks, Wyatt said, "Very few people have the opportunity to live their dream for 24 years. Growing up on this campus and becoming its fifth president has indeed been the fulfillment of my professional life."

Following his comments, those in attendance rewarded Wyatt with a warm, lasting and well-deserved standing ovation. It was an emotional time for all and especially for the couple who have been "head cheerleaders" for Delta State for over 40 years.



# With The Classes

## 1941

**Viola Sanders** was named "Alumna of the Year" by Mississippi Delta Community College.

## 1952

**Dr. Clyde Muse**, president of Hinds Community College, was the Mississippi College summer commencement speaker.

## 1954

**Bryce Griffith**, a member of the board of trustees for Wood College in Mathiston, has been elected to a two-year term as president of the Mississippi State University Foundation.

## 1958

**Elbert Hilliard**, who began working at the Mississippi Department of Archives and History in 1965, has served as the department director since 1973.

## 1959

**Spencer Williams** has retired from Commercial Credit in Grenada after 40 years of service.

## 1962

**Ned Mitchell** was named Delta State University's Outstanding Alumnus of 1998.

## 1964

**Solon Smith, Jr.** has joined Guaranty Bank and Trust as president of the Greenville operations.

**Stephen J. Suhowatsky** is president and CEO of Panthus Corporation, headquartered in Syracuse, N.Y.

## 1965

**W. Parks Johnson** has joined the Smith Shellnut Wilson investment firm of Jackson as a principal.

**Dr. Sam Polles** is executive director of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

**Daphne Holcombe** has been named chief financial officer for the city of Tupelo.

**Elizabeth Shown Mills** is the president of the American Society of Genealogists, a scholastic honor society whose members are tapped for the quality of their published research.

## 1966

**Jim Miles**, athletics director at Northwest Community College, was inducted into the Delta State University Alumni Coaches Hall of Fame.

## 1967

**Dorothy Johnson**, principal of Myrtle Elementary School, was selected by the State Association of Educators to represent Mississippi at the Indoor Air Quality Conference in Washington D.C.

## 1968

**Mary Ann Crain Mitchell** is a member of the Yazoo County School Board.

**J. Nick Clark** was named East Mississippi Community College's Alumnus of the Year for 1998.

**Dr. Sandra Love** was recognized with the 1998 Texas National Distinguished Principal Award from the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association.

## 1969

**Jerre Harris**, director of benefits for Thomas & Betts Corporation in Memphis, Tenn., has been appointed to the board of directors for Delta Dental of Tennessee.

**T. Steve Cwikiel Jr.** is senior information systems auditor for Federal Express in Memphis.

**John M. Blanks** is vice president/commercial loan officer at Community Bank in Hattiesburg.

**Rev. Bennie Watson** was honored for thirty years of service to Providence Baptist Church in Carrollton.

**Danny Williams** has been appointed to the board of directors for the Bank of Mississippi in Hernando.

**Judy Morgan**, girl's basketball coach in Quitman, was inducted into the 1998 Mississippi Association of Coaches Hall of Fame.

**Harry Dickman** is principal of Woolfolk Elementary School in Yazoo City.

## 1970

**Donna Surholt** is president and co-owner of Moore Paper and Janitorial Supply in Clarksdale.

**Melnee Frazier**, an instructor at Copiah-Lincoln C.C., was named the state's "Outstanding Business Educator" by the Mississippi Business Education Association.

**Shirley Cartlidge** is director of Federal Programs for Yazoo City.

**Benny Herring** is the director of Public Works for Greenwood.

## 1971

**Yvonne Stanford** is director of Library Services at Coahoma Community College.

**Wanda Latham Thomas** has earned a Masters degree in Education Technology from Miss. State University.

**Sue L. Patterson** has been appointed to serve on the History Commission in Fairfax, Virginia.

## 1972

**Theron McGregor** recently published his book "Tall Cotton."

**Louella "San" McDaniel** has retired from the Indianola School District with thirty-plus years service.

**Beverly Antici** is principal at Lee Academy Lower/Middle School in Clarksdale.

**Michael McAdory** is principal of Noxapater Elementary School.

## 1973

**Bunny Schmaltz** is an assistant principal in Beaumont, Texas.

## 1974

**Patricia Pittman Simpson**, whose son, Will, is the SGA president at DSU, is a teacher at Greenbrier, Tenn.

**Joseph Crews** is a member of the board of directors for the Cleveland (Miss.) State Bank.

**Mary Ann Stotts** is guidance counselor at Central Holmes Academy in Lexington.

**Regina Chrestman** was the recipient of the Meritorious Achievement Award at Itawamba C.C.

## 1975

**Larry Jones**, formerly superintendent for Franklin County Schools, has been named Associate Superintendent of Education for the State of Mississippi.

**Donald Pittman** is the chief operating officer for The Valley Bank in Greenwood.

**Hayden Mitchell** is senior vice president of Retail Operations at Union Planters Bank in Hattiesburg.

## 1976

**Joey Babb** has been appointed senior vice president of the Madison-Ridgeland branches of Merchants & Farmers Bank.

**Sonny Clay** is a teacher, assistant football and baseball coach at Natchez High School.

**Bob Davis** is director of personnel with Adams's Mark Hotel in SugarLand, Texas.

**Charlene Baugh Jones** is executive editor of Computer Times of Bardstown, Kentucky.

## 1977

**Glinda Hardy**, at the request of the State Department of Education, authored the supplementary handbook for language arts curriculum.

**Donna Burris** is clinical coordinator for the geriatric psychiatric program at RiverPark Regional Medical Center in Vicksburg.

## 1978

**Pauline Rhodes** is principal of Coahoma County Junior High School in Clarksdale.

**Tommy Ward** is a guidance counselor and boy's basketball Coach at French Camp Academy.

**Charlie Wright** was a 1998 inductee into the Belhaven Sports Hall of Fame in Jackson.

## 1979

**Loree Hughes** is a special education teacher at Coahoma County High School.

**Dr. David Daigneault**, band director at Grenada, was the recipient of the National Federation Interscholastic Music Association Award.

**Rev. Keith D. Williams** is the pastor of the Magee (Miss.) Church of God.

## 1980

**Phyllis Boatman** is an instructor at Southern Arkansas University Tech in Camden, Ark.

## 1981

**Steve Clark** has completed certification training as a State 4-H Field and Stream Volunteer Leader.

**Dr. Ronald A. Braswell** has opened the Oktibbeha County Hospital Regional Eye Center in Starkville.

**Carolyn Lawrence** has completed her MSN at the University of Southern Mississippi and is a clinical nurse specialist at Independence Regional Health Center in Missouri.

**Samuel "Butch" Keller, Jr.** is headmaster and basketball coach at Blessed Sacrament Huguenot School near Richmond, Virginia.

**Patricia Burt Brown** teaches English at N. Delta Alternative School in the West Tallahatchie School District.

**Suzanne LaForge** was the recipient of the Compaq Customer Service Excellence Award.

**John Sacco** is assistant registrar for Transfer Student Services at CUNY/Brooklyn College in Brooklyn, N.Y.

**Steve McClellan**, vice president of Fiscal Affairs at Northwest Miss. C.C., was honored as the region's Outstanding Chief Business Officer at the Community College Business Officers International Conference.

## 1982

**John Mullins** is the superintendent of Education for Tishomingo County.

# With The Classes

**Jim Golden** was named the 1998 "Alumnus of the Year" for Holmes Community College.

**Rusty Parker** was named corporate business analyst for Customer Service at Delta and Pine Land Company.

## 1983

**Carla Clark** is asst. district attorney for Mississippi's 11th Circuit Court District.

**Millicent Ledbetter** is director of the Yazoo County Office of the Warren-Yazoo Mental Health Service.

**Lynnette D. Morrison** was selected to participate in the Miss. State Department of Education Exemplary Teachers Program. She was also chosen as webmaster for the MS Exemplary Teachers Web Pages.

## 1984

**Jackie Fulgham** is office manager of the Cleveland Employment Service Office of the Mississippi Employment Security Commission.

**John Buchanan** is the principal of Quitman (Miss.) High School.

**Robert Pannell** is the current president of the Mississippi Golf Association.

**Will Tierce** works as a quality control engineer at Owens, Illinois.

**Tracy Anderson** accepted a position with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve in the Division of Consumer and Community Affairs in Washington, D.C.

## 1985

**Ken Causey** is radio host for the Winston Cup Weekly Update Show for 93.5 radio station in Clinton.

**Charles Michell** was named vice president of information systems of Delta and Pine Land Company.

## 1986

**Bill Bailey** is a senior sales representative with Terra Industries in Grenada.

**Suzanne M. Bailey** is the manager of Rehabilitative Services at Madison County Medical Center in Jackson.

## 1987

**Jim Stafford** was promoted to Chrysler Manager with Mitchell Automotive Superstore in West Point.

**Dwight Vick** is a drug policy analyst and anti-tobacco use program evaluator with Maricopa County Department of Public Health Services in Phoenix, Arizona.

**Mark Free** is southern regional Sales Manager for Mississippi Lime Company of Alton, Illinois.

## 1988

**Dr. Robert C. McEachern, III** has opened his practice with the Jackson Pulmonary Associates, P.A. for the practice of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine and Sleep Disorders Medicine.

**Pam Burleson** is director of the Tech Prep Career Center at Aberdeen High School.

**Billy Lester** is computer systems administrator for Madison (Miss.) County.

**Lane Sorgen** is a managing consultant with Microsoft in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Audrey Hannah Thompson** is a speech-language pathologist with Manner Health Corp. in Franklin, Tenn.

## 1989

**Pam Pruett**, a high school english teacher in Columbia, Tenn. has received The National Council of Teachers of English Award for Excellence.

**Cynthia K. "Cindy" Lloyd** is a seventh-grade math teacher at Lockard Elementary School in Indianola.

**Tana Pittman Vassel** is an industrial development assistant with the Coahoma County Chamber of Commerce in Clarksdale.

**Ruth Striebeck** was recognized for her excellence in teaching, being named the 1998 "Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year" in Greenville.

**Johnny Burks** coached the Cullman High School Tennis Team to the 1998 Alabama Class 5A State Championship. In the last four years under Burks, Cullman has produced twelve individual state champions.

**Gaye Holecsek Hawthorne** is the secretary for the Family & Consumer Science Department at Delta State.

## 1990

**West M. Williamson** is director of membership services for Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for community colleges, in Jackson.

**Dr. Jenay Neely** has completed medical residency training and board certification in Family Medicine and is practicing Family Medicine in Blue Ridge, Georgia.

**Renee Moore**, a teacher at Shelby Broad Street High School, delivered the keynote address at the Eighth Annual Teacher Researcher Conference in Washington, D.C.

**Andrea Kimbrell** is the supervisor for Horne CPA Group's office in Belzoni.

**Chris Savage** is assistant vice president of Trustmark National Bank in Jackson.

**Julianne Wilson Young** is a counselor with the State Department of Rehabilitation Services in Greenville.

**Ross Reily** was the recipient of the 1998 "Sportswriter of the Year" award for the Southern League.

## 1991

**Dr. Glenn McCrory** is an OB-GYN resident in New Orleans, La.

**Dwight Herlong** is warehouse manager for Abbott Laboratories S.E. Regional Distribution Center in Atlanta.

**Karon White Stanford** has earned a master of science degree in Counselor Education.

**Stephanie Wheeler Gilder** is the principal of Greenbrook Elementary School in Southaven.

**David Clark** is assistant director of Student Life at St. Louis University.

**Deven Hill** is a fourth grade teacher at Indianola Academy.

## 1992

**Jared Brownlee** is assistant to the director of bands at East Central Community College in Decatur.

**Jody M. Griffin** is stationed with the Air Reconnaissance Squadron at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma.

**Gaye C. Williamson** is a loan originator at Sumner's branch for Union Planters Bank.

**Penney Pyles Godot** is general manager of Extended Stay America in Jackson.

**David Pascal Everett** is minister of music and youth at First Baptist Church in Pocahontas, Ark.

**David K. Ashley** is a special education teacher at Corinth High School.

**Randy Newman** is the graduate studies coordinator in Health Administration at the University of Memphis.

## 1993

**Paxton Mogenson** is vice president for Consumer and Commercial Lending at Trustmark in Magee.

**Janet Whitfield** is teaching second grade at Carver Elementary in Indianola.

**Charles A. Branch** has received certification as a Certified Public Accountant.

**Margie Benson** is an art teacher for the Holly Springs School District.

**Kelly B. Hales** is financial advisor/retirement planning specialist for Morgan Stanley Dean Witter in Jackson.

**Scott David Caulder** is associated with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Grenada Lake.

**Sam Pearson** is athletic director and secondary principal at Hebron Christian School in Houston.

**Laurie Elise Griffin** received her masters in speech-language pathology from Northeast Louisiana University.

**Beau Garverick** is working as equity portfolio manager with Trusco Capital Management in Atlanta, Ga.

**Yvonne Kelly** is promotion project accountant for Weston Companies in Memphis.

**Richard E. Smither** is a H&PER instructor and assistant football coach at Coahoma Community College.

**Vicki Bennett Taylor** is a marketing analyst with Union Planters Bank in Memphis, Tenn.

**Brad Cohen** is assistant vice president and lending officer with Bank Plus in Madison.

**Andrea Broadaway Cohen** is a visual merchandiser with the Northpark McRae's store in Ridgeland.

## 1994

**David Kuhn** is the women's softball coach at Delta State.

**Gae Wade** is an auditor and travel coordinator with the Mississippi Department of Transportation in the Financial Management Division.

## 1995

**Kristy White Armstrong** is executive director for the Northeast Mississippi Museum in Corinth.

**Dr. Wilma Wade** is administrative assistant to the superintendent of Clarksdale Public Schools.

**Jerry Richardson** is teaching special education at Indianola Junior High School.

**Jennifer Wilson** is the principal of Aberdeen High School.

**Anita Channell** is systems analyst coordinator at Rush Foundation Hospital in Meridian.

**Fred Thomas "Trey" Cooke III** is director of the Delta F.A.R.M. Program, an association of agricultural producers and landowners who promote environmental stewardship initiatives in the Mississippi Delta.

**Sterling H. Bonds** has completed USAF pilot training as a distinguished graduate, receiving the AETC Commander's Trophy, Flying Training Award, and Academic Training Award.

**David G. Gore** has been accepted into the USAF Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Program.

**Chris Wilson** is city administrator for Southaven.

# With The Classes

**Jeremiah Burks**, an administrator with the DeSoto County Schools, attended the Harvard University Summer Institute this past summer.

**Howard Sims** was named the "Teamleader" for the Year 2000 Project in Atlanta, Ga.

**Misty Boyd Moseley** is Facility Rehabilitation Director with Novacare in Texas.

**Daniel Barfield** has joined the staff at DeVoe Company, CPA's in Oxford.

## 1996

**Jay Buckley** is a credit officer with Trustmark National Bank in Jackson.

**Shannon Treadway** is a pilot for Continental Express, based in Cleveland, Ohio.

**Rene Babischlein** was the recipient of the Biloxi Chamber of Commerce 1998 Educator Award as "Junior High School Teacher of the Year."

**Lyn Warren Hubbard** is teaching the fourth grade at Leland Elementary in Leland.

**Stephen Gross** graduated from Texas Heart Institute and is a perfusionist in Memphis.

**Christa Chadwick** is administrative events coordinator with ATC Inc. in Antioch, Tenn.

**1st Lt. Russell S. Jenkins** is training officer with the 124th Signal Battalion at Fort Hood, Texas. He has completed the Ranger Course, earning the Expert Infantryman's Badge and the Army Commendation Medal.

**Kathryn Bertin** is marketing coordinator with Aircraft Parts International in Memphis, Tennessee.

**Bill Ball** is assistant men's basketball coach at Mississippi State University.

**Amy Ford** is a pilot with Northwest Airlink in Pensacola, Florida.

## 1997

**Rosetta Howard** is director of continuing education and community service at Coahoma C.C.

**Celeste Embrey** is the reigning Miss Hospitality of DeSoto County.

**Beth Smith** is the Extension Home Economist/4-H Youth Agent for Tallahatchie County.

**Stephanie Hall** is a manager for CI Memphis, which is a FAA Repair Station.

**Charles Thomas Taylor** is an investigator with the Department of Corrections at the Mississippi State Penitentiary in Parchman.

**Jennie Mitchell** graduated from Vanderbilt University with a MEd with an emphasis in Early Childhood Special Education and is employed as a resource teacher for Williamson County Schools, Tenn.

**Byron C. Haynes** is vice principal at Amanda Elzey High School in Greenwood.

**Jennifer Fisher** is a girl's basketball and cross country coach at Warren Central in Vicksburg.

**Ryan Porter** is Adams Christian's baseball coach in Natchez.

**Melesia Foster** is a chemist at Baxter Health in Cleveland.

**Valerie Barragan** is associated with an international newspaper in Quito, Ecuador.

## 1998

**Billy Davis** is a news reporter with The Panolian in Batesville.

**Chase Fulgham** is attending law school at the University of Mississippi.

**Janie Moore Payne** teaches fifth-grade language arts and social studies at Ruleville Central Elementary.

**Ella Anderson** is teaching Allied Health at Gentry High School in Indianola.

**Mary L. Hardy** is employed at Toddler Town Learning Center in Greenville.

**Brandy Lynn Emmett Napoli** is pursuing a degree in Physical Therapy at LSU Medical College.

**Dorothy Ann Williams** teaches computer applications and accounting at Gentry High School in Indianola.

**Jennifer A. Tanner** is pursuing a graduate degree at LSU while working as a speech pathologist for the McComb Public Schools.

**Greg Nordstrom** is an associate with Maxim Group, an IT Consulting Firm based in Baltimore.

**Elton Montie Moore** is a dispatcher and deputy Sheriff for the Rankin County Sheriff's Department.

**Tonya Warren**, an employee with Federal Express in Memphis, has completed her solo flight training for her pilot's license.

# Baby Statesmen

*Note: All births in 1998 unless otherwise indicated*

Tyler to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Todd Thompson (**Audrey Hannah** '88) on February 4, 1997.

John Thomas Mitchell to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stanford (**Karon White** '91) on October 12, 1997.

Lela Marie to Mr. and Mrs. Michael A. Casaveshia (**'93 Kelly Holley** '88) on January 24.

Danielle Elizabeth to Mr. and Mrs. Barry Lyons '84 on February 5.

Stephanie Lucille to Mr. and Mrs. Randy Young (**Julianne Wilson** '90) on February 20.

Mitchell Gray to Mr. and Mrs. William Mundroff (**Michelle Campbell** '89) on March 19.

Sara Douglas to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Jones (**Renae Steen** '93) on March 24.

Hannah Lee to **Malinda Poynor Battey** '92 on March 27.

Carley Laken to Mr. and Mrs. Scott David Caulder '93 (**Melanie Parker**) on April 13.

Nicholas Dale to Mr. and Mrs. **Dale Sorgen** '91 on April 18.

Braxton Elizabeth to Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Clark (**Julie Massie** '93) on April 20.

Elizabeth "Elle" Jeanette to Mr. and Mrs. Herd (**Rhonda Smith** '85) on April 24.

Braden Lynn to Mr. and Mrs. **Furness Karri** '97 on April 28.

Christian Chalmers to Mr. and Mrs. Eric S. Vickery (**Kimberly Boyd** '88) on May 9.

Jacob Stewart to Mr. and Mrs. **Stewart Gregg Hurley** '93 (**Suzanne Wrobel**) on May 25.

Laurie Marie to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Thomas (**Kelli O'Brien** '94) on May 28.

Gerard James & Michael Patrick to Mr. and Mrs. Gerard McCarthy (**Karen Kaye** '87) on June 5.

Samuel Jenkins to Mr. and Mrs. Lane Sorgen (**Wendy Flemmons** '90) on June 10.

Chandler Faith to Mr. and Mrs. **Mike Moore** '85 on June 11.

Olivia Katherine to Mr. and Mrs. Goeff Crane (**Robin** '92) on June 16.

Jeffrey Chase to Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Whitney (**Deborah Woodruff** '92) on June 24.

Anna Kathryn to Mr. and Mrs. **Daniel Joe Beckett** '84 (**Debra Smithart** '85) on July 4.

Mary Claire to Mr. and Mrs. **Carl Rackley** '83 (**Paige Everett** '85) on July 4.

Rachel Anna to **John Robertson** '93 on July 14.

Bethany Claire to Mr. and Mrs. **Wes Black** '94 (**Mary Avgoustakis**) on July 30.

Braden Christopher to Mr. and Mrs. **James "Chris" Kirkland** '95 (**Angie Carr** '95) on July 15.

Peyton Lawrence to Mr. and Mrs. **Dickie Peralto** '85 (**Penny Parnell** '84) on July 15.

Edgar Allen II to Mr. and Mrs. **Edgar Scott (Jackie Ellis** '91) on July 17.

Adam Brooks to Mr. and Mrs. **Douglas Fleming (Karen Adams** '91) on July 23.

James Alston, V to Mr. and Mrs. **Clapp (Tammy Clifford** '86) on August 6.

Lauren Elizabeth to Mr. and Mrs. **Chris Gounce** '98 (**Leslie** '97) on August 7.

Taylor Dennis II to Mr. and Mrs. **Taylor Burrell** '94 on August 10.

Stephen Michael III to Mr. and Mrs. **Stephen Gross** '96 (**Chelle May** '95) on August 14.

Taylor O-Lynn to Mr. and Mrs. **Timothy O-Lynn Collins** '87 (**Johnna Drago** '85) on August 19.

Timothy James III to Mr. and Mrs. **Tim Durham, Jr.** '90 (**Maxine Bryan** '94) on August 20.

Bryce Lanier to Mr. and Mrs. **Mark Scott** '86 on August 22.

Margaret Lynn to Mr. and Mrs. **George Mangum** '87 (**Kim Columbus** '89) on August 23.

Sunny Marie to Mr. and Mrs. **Bailey (Mary Evelyn Ferguson** '89) on August 31.

Runa Patterson to Mr. and Mrs. **Jim King (Elizabeth Ware** '91) on September 11.

Anne-Grace to Mr. and Mrs. **Boyd Gregory (Scarlet Steed** '91) on September 11.

Sarah Elizabeth to Mr. and Mrs. **Will Tierce** '84 (**Nancy Armstrong** '85) on September 16.

Corley Greer to Mr. and Mrs. **Owen Bass (Jennifer Estes** '94) on September 25.

Thomas Leon "Tripp", III to Mr. and Mrs. **Tom Macon, Jr.** '94 (**Julia Williams** '94) on October 6.

John Thomas to Mr. and Mrs. **Thomas Bruckner, Jr.** '85 (**Susan**) on November 17.

Coleman Scott to Mr. and Mrs. **John Scott Suber** '93 (**Mandy Toole** '93) on November 17.

Landen Dale to Mr. and Mrs. **Dale Strickland** '95 (**Brandi**) on January 11, 1999.



# Wedding Bells

*Note: All wedding dates are in 1998 unless otherwise indicated*

**Charlene Baugh Jones** '76 to Terrance Kibiloski on Oct. 18, 1997.

**Michelle Adleman** '97 to **Ray Edward Gilbert** '93 on Dec. 20, 1997.

**Misty Suzanne Golden** '98 to Jeffrey Bishop Lacey on Feb. 27.

**Evelyn Stallings Carroll** '51 to Frank Van Horn on March 22.

**Brandy Emmert** '98 to **Guidano Napoli** '97 on May 16.

**Laura Elizabeth McCalop** '91 to William Chad Wiginton on June 6.

**Karen Robertson** '97 to **Michael Jefcoat** '97 on June 12.

**Stacy Cox** '97 to Marcus Doss on June 13.

**Karen Sims** '98 to Garrett Hartley on June 20.

**Terri Dawn Hammett** '95 to Scott Anthony Noah on June 27.

**Ashley Dawn Murrell** to Kevin Christopher Hawkins on July 11.

**Carol Ann White** '65 to Chip Westbrook on July 17.

**Kenzie Geneva Walter** to **Benjamin Ray Winstead** '98 on July 18.

**Veronica Michelle Williams** to **Phield Parish IV** '98 on July 18.

**Tangela Ingram** '95 to Mark Bland on July 18.

**Lisa Michele Schoggen** '97 to Michael Curtis McCain, Jr. on July 18.

**Penney LouAnne Pyles** '92 to Scott J. "Skip" Godot on July 18.

**Michelle Leigh Mathews** to **Parker Taft Stubbs** '85 on July 18.

**Allison Denise McCollum** to **Kent L. Rowsey** '86 on July 18.

**Jacqueline Scott** '89 to **Larry Darnell Scott** on July 24.

**Stephanie Dawn Wallace** to **John Jay Walton** '98 on July 25.

**Fikisha Serena Brown** '98 to Freddie Lee Nelson on August 1.

**Jennifer Ann Hilderbrand** '98 to John Howell Ammons on August 1.

**Jennifer Michelle Rice** '98 to **Joseph Carroll Ashley, Jr.** '97 on August 8.

**Kimberly Maria Hannah** '97 to Terry L. Brown, Jr. on August 8.

**Denise Rayanne Smith** '98 to Robert Crosby Naron, Jr. on August 15.

**Alicia Ann King** to **James Preston Giles** '92 on August 15.

**Melanie DeShea Coleman** '86 to Luke E. Billman on August 15.

**Kimberly Marie Holden** to **Marshall Buckner Sealy** '97 on August 15.

**Kimberly Jo Lynn** to **William Jeff Martin** '96 on August 15.

**Jennifer Roark** to **Kevin Scott Long** '93 on August 22.

**Amy Leigh Johnson** '98 to **George William Clifford III** '98 on August 29.

**Carolyn Louise Loughran** '95 to Jason Andrew Dwyer on Sept. 5.

**Kristen Beth Cummings** '97 to Matthew Andrew Shamblin on Sept. 5.

**Farrah Lauri Dennis** '98 to **Walter Anthony Cox** '98 on Sept. 5.

**Stacey Patience Parker** '91 to David Anthony Smalls on Sept. 5.

**Shelly Rena Snyder** '89 to Michael Adrian Simi on Sept. 5.

**Julia Clay "Jill" Disharoon** to Lt. Cameron J. Geertsema on Sept. 12.

**Tina Lynn McMurry** to **Frank R. "Chip" Moore** '94 on Sept. 12.

**Amy Suzanne Truitt** '98 to Christopher Brian Poole on Sept. 12.

**Stephanie Dawn Tanksley** '98 to **Richard Madison Avant** '98 on Sept. 12.

**Tina Marie Shinn** '98 to Cory Franklin Vining on Sept. 19.

**Betsy Ann Bryant** '96 to Mark Anthony Ritchie on Sept. 19.

**Carolyn Ann Collier** '98 to **Spencer Lynn Holman** '98 on Sept. 19.

**Scott V. Andress** '90 to **Memrie Elanie Medders** '91 on Sept. 20.

**Catherine Tamyne Couch** '95 to **Robert Patrick Armour** '95 on Sept. 26.

**Denise Elaine Bright** '98 to Dennis Michael Treadway on Oct. 3.

**Mary Faye Hooker** '98 to **Simon Edward Kossman III** '94 on Oct. 3.

**Panchola Michelle Hayes** '98 to **Dexter Renard Dockery** '93 on Oct. 10.

**Jonas Robb Oswalt** '93 to Jennifer Chris Mansfield on Oct. 10.

**Kimberly Dawn Crowell** to **Ned Carthman Higgason** '94 on Oct. 17.

**Sondra Shea Ford** to **Wyatt Knight Rives** '93 on Oct. 17.

**Shannon Elizabeth Hazzard** '97 to **Daniel Joseph Barfield** '95 on Oct. 17.

**Rhonda Kaye Killebrew** '95 to Christopher Louis Rousseau on Oct. 17.

**Susie Blackmar Morris** to **Dr. Lee House Baker** '89 on Oct. 17.

**Katherine Torrey Ray** '96 to **Bartley Decell Daughdrill** '96 on Nov. 7.

**Patty Vaughn Wilder** to **Alan Wayne Roberts** '95 on Nov. 7.

**Jo Ann Holloway** '89 to John Eric Clark on Nov. 7.

**Meredith Cole Hawkins** '96 to John Harland LeMay on Nov. 14.

**Shelly Denise Spruill** '95 to Johnathon Mark Stovall on Nov. 14.

**Tiffany Dawn Worsham** to **Willard B. McDaniel** '98 on Nov. 17.

**Annie Laurie Futey** '96 to Thad Joseph Simpson on Nov. 21.

**Jennifer Coulter Key** to **Michael Aaron Thomas** on Nov. 21.

**Katie Regina Anderson** to **Matthew Banning Thomaston** '98 on Nov. 27.

**Kathleen Hodges Minniece** to **Cody Torrence Maharrey** '98 on Dec. 5.

**Leann Jeanette Medlin** '85 to Larry Clayton Collier on Dec. 5.

**Susan Michelle Oswalt** '97 to Michael Williams Long on Dec. 12.

**April Saylor** to **Mark West** '91 on Dec. 12.

**Georgina Elizabeth Foust** '97 to **Bobby Lane Jenkins, Jr.** '96 on Dec. 12.

**Gretchen Gardner** '97 to Matthew Hunter McCalop on Dec. 16.

**Jana Lauree Terrell** '90 to Andrew Hayes Bardwell on Dec. 19.

**Betty Sue Smith** to Saxon Durham on Dec. 19.

**Melissa Lynn Stone** '97 to James Robert Farris on Dec. 19.

**Michelle Renee Nichols** '98 to Scott Lamar Knight on Dec. 19.

**Yolanda Denise Harris** '92 to Lorenzo N. Lloyd on Dec. 26.

**Ramona Pascha Bryant** '97 to Nakia Maurice Baker on Dec. 26.

**Aimee Darr Hammack** to **William Mark Robinette** '93 on Jan. 2, 1999.

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# In Memoriam

*Note: All deaths in 1998 unless otherwise indicated*

Sally Scott Richey '80 died April 28.  
 John A. Gardner '34 died July 10.  
 Napoleon L. "Nap" Cassibry, Jr. died July 21.  
 Annie Bell Yarbrough Davis '36 died July 24.  
 James Langin '74 died July 31.  
 Anthony "Tony" Cintgran '56 died August 16.  
 Robert Nelson "Bobby" Carlisle '68 died August 24.  
 Bobbe Carr Hathorn '74 died August 31.  
 Bettie Shegog Joiner '75 died September 4.  
 Harold Dean Oswald '69 died September 30.  
 Edward Lee Crews '41 died October 23.  
 Dorothy E. Medders '36 died October 27.  
 Elvira Jackson Morris '69 died October 29.  
 C. Keith Allred '92 died November 3.  
 Mary Shaw died November 7.  
 Jobie Terrell Melton '36 died November 16.  
 Janis G. King died November 24.  
 Aubrey Wade "Buddy" Tackett died November 26.  
 John Halsey Davis, Jr. died November 28.  
 Samuel C. Broussard '62 died December 4.  
 Mildred Phinisee Davis died December 6.  
 Robert Burke Shute died December 15.

## Eloise McKibben

Eloise Fleming McKibben, administrative assistant to the DSU V.P. for Academic Affairs, died of cancer on August 18, 1998. A Belzoni native and 1972 DSU graduate, she was a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Cleveland.

## Elizabeth Dakin

Emily Elizabeth Dakin, 89, longtime DSU librarian, died Sept. 25, 1998, at Bolivar Medical Center in Cleveland. Graduating from Shaw High School in 1926, Dakin attended Whitworth College, Delta State and the Univ. of Miss. before graduating from Randolph Macon Women's College in 1930. After earning a library of science degree at George Peabody College, she was the librarian at Delta State for 38 years before retiring in 1974 as a professor emeritus of library science.

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**Running through March 5**

**"The Jazz Age in Paris, 1914-1940"**

**March 15 - May 28**

**"Deltascapes: The Delta 25 Years Ago"**

**June 2 - August 20**

**"Unearthing The Past: Historic and Prehistoric Sites near Lake Beulah"**

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*To meet publishing deadlines, only information received by January 1st is contained in this issue. Two 24-page issues of Delta Currents are to be published during the 1998-99 school year and forwarded to 20,000 alumni and friends of DSU.*

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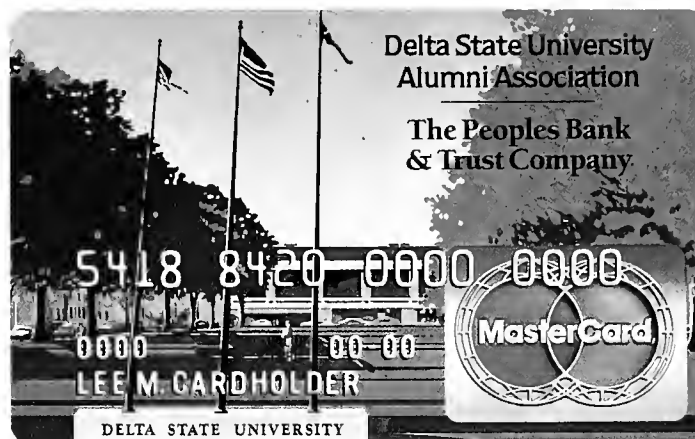
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## The Top Brass Confer At DSU

Captain Viola "Pinky" Sanders, USN (Ret.), a 1941 Delta State graduate and former commandant of the U.S. WAVES, shares a moment with General Henry H. Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and top military advisor to the President during his visit to the campus to address the annual meeting of the Delta Council.

Sanders, named DSU's Outstanding Alumna in 1962, became Assistant Chief of Naval Operations and Director of the WAVES in 1961, serving in that capacity until her retirement in 1966. At her retirement ceremonies she was awarded the Legion of Merit after having been previously awarded the American Campaign Medal, Korean Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the United Nations Service Medal.

## Upcoming Events

|          |                                 |           |                             |
|----------|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| March 4  | Miss DSU Pageant                | April 24  | Sports Hall of Fame Banquet |
| March 25 | Teacher Recruitment Day         | April 26  | Spring Choral Concert       |
| April 13 | Honors Day                      | April 27  | Spring Honors Recital       |
| April 19 | Renaissance Spring Concert      | May 8     | Commencement                |
| April 24 | Athletic Alumni Golf Tournament | May 15-22 | Renaissance Reunion Cruise  |